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## Leaven and Salt . . . .

### INVITATION TO LEARNING

Conferences are the high point of Association life. New books, new equipment, new methods are brought together in abundance. It is a chance to talk shop with like-minded people, facing the same problems, dreaming the same dreams and working together to make them realities.

The theme for the 27th Annual Conference of the Catholic Library Association is "THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE COMMON GOOD." For three days the general sessions will be devoted to consideration of the social teachings of the Church. The world is in revolution. The tides of change reach with terrible urgency into our cloisters and classrooms. Our readers will determine the direction of this change. Come, let us reason together that the kingship of Christ may overcome the gates of hell in our common life as well as in our own hearts.

Our Host, His Excellency, Michael J. Ready, bishop of Columbus, has long been active in the social apostolate. His sermon at the Conference is titled, "The Font of Catholic Culture." He will celebrate the Pontifical Mass at which the choir of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary will sing.

Other featured speakers are Doctor Clement S. Mihanovich of St. Louis University, his topic, "The Family — The Materialist View;" Doctor Raymond F. McCoy of Xavier University speaking on "International Understanding;" Father John P. Kleinz, of the Pontifical College Josephinum, who will discuss the relation of organized labor to the common good, and our retiring president, Mr. O'Loughlin, whose address at the General Session is titled, "Honesty in Public Office."

On February 19, the State of Ohio celebrated the 150th anniversary of its admission to the Union. The sesquicentennial celebration will continue throughout the year, with many exhibits of historical interest, centered in the state capital, Columbus. This eldest state of the Northwest territory was first visited by white missionaries who accompanied the Sieur de la Salle on his explorations from Lake Erie to the Ohio river. An exhibit of Catholic Ohioana will be placed in the registration foyer and the conference tour will include many points

### CALENDAR OF SCHEDULED EVENTS

- March 1—Northern Ohio Unit—Awards of Merit, Catholic Book Week.
- March 18—Greater Cincinnati Unit—Award of Prizes for Catholic Book Week.
- April 7-10 — Catholic Library Association: 29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Theme: *The Commonwealth and the Common Good*. Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.
- April 15—Greater Cincinnati Unit. Spring meeting.
- April 19—Philadelphia Area Unit. Spring meeting. Mater Misericordiae, Merion.
- April 19—Michigan Unit. Spring meeting. Nazareth College and Academy, Nazareth, Mich. 2 P.M.
- April 25—New York-New Jersey Unit. Spring meeting.
- June 19-21, Audio-Visual Workshop, University of California, Los Angeles Campus. Director Irving Lieberman, University of California, Berkeley 4, California.
- June 22-25—Special Libraries Association Annual meeting, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.
- June 21-27—American Library Association. Annual conference. Biltmore and Statler Hotels, Los Angeles, California.

of historical interest. As a leader in education Ohio and the Columbus area hold much of interest for visitors. The Ohio State Library is a short block from the conference hotel. The state university library will welcome visitors. The local units of CLA in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Western Pennsylvania are cooperating with the Columbus unit to make this a memorable Easter week for CLA members and their friends.

#### Interesting Places in Columbus Ohio

STATE CAPITOL, housing the offices of the Governor and other elective state officials and the chambers of the General Assembly, is situated in a 10-acre park, bounded by High, Broad, Third, and State Streets.

CIVIC CENTER group, on Scioto River front, Town St., to Long St., includes the LeVeque-Lincoln Tower, City Hall, Departments of State Building, Central High School, Central Police Station, and the Federal Building. Soon to be added—a Health Center and a Memorial Hall.

CITY HALL, housing the offices of the mayor and other city officials, occupies, with its park, an entire city block bounded by W. Broad St., Riverside Drive, W. Gay St., and N. Front St.

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The Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Columbus, Ohio

Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference  
 Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio  
 April 7-10, 1953

### THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE COMMON GOOD

The Most Reverend Michael J. Ready, Bishop of Columbus  
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*Chairman*

#### Local Arrangements Committee

*General Arrangements Committee:* Sister Mary Ruth, O.P., Librarian, College of St. Mary of the Springs, *Chairman*; Right Reverend Herman E. Mattingly, Editor-in-Chief of the *Catholic Times*; Reverend Anthony Kleinschmidt, Librarian, Pontifical College Josephinum; Reverend Edmund Binsfield, C.P.P.S., Librarian, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Library, Carthage; Reverend Ambrose Burke, T.O.R., Librarian, College of Steubenville; Reverend Stephen A. Meder, S.J., Librarian, St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati; Sister M. Candida, O.S.F., Principal, St. Mary's High School, Columbus; Miss Elizabeth Biggert, Manuscript Librarian, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Museum; Miss Ann Sullivan, Assistant Librarian, College of the Springs.

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*Registration:* Mrs. Lee Kelly, Reference Department, Ohio State Library, Columbus, *Chairman*.

*Publicity:* Right Reverend Herman E. Mattingly, Editor-in-Chief, *The Catholic Times*, Columbus, *Chairman*.

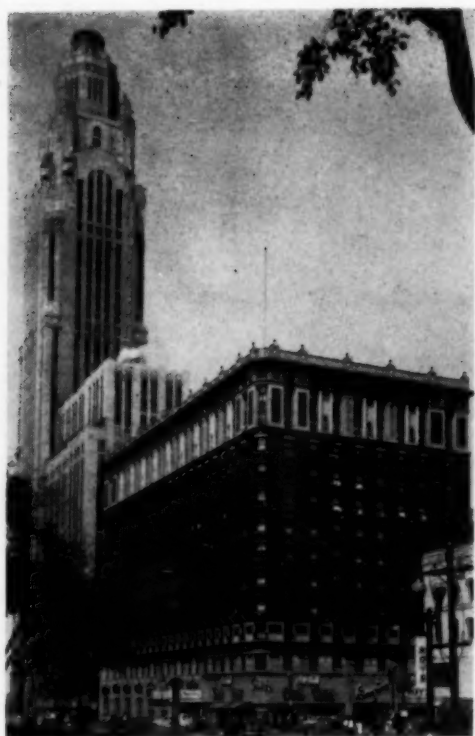
*Lodging and Hospitality:* Reverend Anthony Kleinschmidt, Librarian, Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, *Chairman*.

*Tour:* Mr. Robert Holsinger, Department of Journalism, Ohio State University, *Chairman*.

*Exhibits:* Mr. John Goudeau, Associate Professor, Department of Library Science, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, *Chairman*.

*Conference Mass:* Right Reverend Roland E. Winel, Chancellor, Diocese of Columbus, *Chairman*.

*Conference Luncheon:* Miss Elizabeth Biggert, Manuscript Librarian, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Museum, Columbus, *Chairman*.



The Conference Hotel

#### CONFERENCE MASS

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference will be opened with the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 A.M.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael J. Ready, Bishop of Columbus, will be celebrant of the Holy Sacrifice and deliver the sermon. His subject will be:

*The Font of Christian Culture.*

#### OFFICERS OF THE MASS

*Assistant Priest:* Right Reverend Herman E. Mattingly, Editor-in-Chief, *The Catholic Times*, Columbus.

*Deacon:* Reverend Anthony Kleinschmidt, Librarian, Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington.

*Sub-deacon:* Reverend James Kulp, Society of the Propagation of the Faith, Columbus.

*Deacons of Honor to the Bishop:* Reverend George Wolz, C.P.P.S., St. Charles Borromeo College, Columbus; Reverend Leonard Fick, Editor, *The Josephinum Review*, Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington.

*Master of Ceremonies:* Right Reverend Roland E. Winel, Chancellor of the Diocese of Columbus.

#### GENERAL SESSIONS

##### GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday, April 7, The Ballroom, 2 P.M.

*Presiding:* Mr. John M. O'Loughlin, President, The Catholic Library Association.

*Secretary:* Sister Marie Inez, C.S.J., Acting Director, Department of Library Science, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota.

##### PAPERS

###### *Address of Welcome*

Sister Mary Ruth, O.P., Librarian, College of St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus; Chairman of the Columbus Unit, Catholic Library Association.

###### *Honesty in Public Office*

Mr. O'Loughlin.

###### *Organized Labor and the Common Good*

Reverend Doctor John P. Kleinz, Professor of Philosophy and Sociology, Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington; Specialist, Educational and Cultural Exchange Program, U.S. Department of State, 1952.

###### *International Understanding and the Common Good*

Dr. Raymond F. McCoy, Director, Graduate Division, Xavier University, Cincinnati; Member, U.S. National Commission for UNESCO; President, Catholic Association for International Peace.

##### GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

Wednesday, April 8, The Ballroom, 2:30 P.M.

*Presiding:* Mr. O'Loughlin.

*Secretary:* Mrs. Jeannette Murphy Lynn, Executive Secretary, Catholic Library Association.

##### LUNCHEON SESSION

Wednesday, April 8, The Ballroom, 12 Noon.

*Invocation:* The Reverend Vice-President-Elect.

*Address:* THE FAMILY—THE MATERIALIST'S VIEW

Doctor Clement S. Mihanovich, Director, Department of Sociology, St. Louis University; Past President, American Catholic Sociological Society.



Diocesan Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Columbus

## ROUND TABLES AND BOARD MEETINGS

### THE ADVISORY BOARD

Wednesday, April 8, Parlor A, B, C, 10 A.M.

*Chairman:* Dr. Butler

*Secretary:* Mrs. Lynn

*Reports:*

Chairmen of Committees

Discussion of proposals for presentation to the Executive Council

### CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

Thursday, April 9, Parlor A, B, C, 10 A.M.

*Chairman:* Rev. Oliver Kapsner, O.S.B., Catholic University Library, Washington, D.C.

### COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Thursday, April 9, Parlor A, B, C, 2:30 P.M.

*Chairman:* Mr. Alphonse F. Trezza, Head, Circulation Department, University of Pennsylvania Library, Philadelphia

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Thursday, April 9, Parlor C, 10 A.M.

*Chairman:* Miss Catherine J. Butler, Superintendent and Librarian, Carnegie Library of Homestead, Munhall, Pennsylvania.

### HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Thursday, April 9, Ballroom, 10 A.M.

*Chairman:* Brother Adrian Norbert, F.M.S., Librarian, Mt. Saint Michael High School, New York.

### HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

Thursday, April 9, Room 216, 10 A.M.

*Chairman:* Mrs. Catherine O'Day Hollis, Librarian, Mercy Central School of Nursing, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## REFERENCE LIBRARIES SECTION

Tuesday, April 7, Room 218, 10:30 A.M.

(Organizational meeting. Attendance limited to members only)

*Chairman:* Mr. Eugene P. Willging, Director of Libraries, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

## SEMINARY LIBRARIES

Wednesday, April 8, Room 216, 8 P.M.

*Chairman:* Rev. John A. Broderick, Librarian, Saint John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts.

## SPECIAL COLLEGE GROUP

Tuesday, April 7, Parlor A, B, C, 10:30 A.M.

*Chairman:* Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S.J., Librarian, Canisius College, Buffalo, New York.

Friday, April 10, Parlor A, B, C, 9:30 A.M.

*Chairman:* Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S.J.

## GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS

If you need accommodations in a religious house during the Conference, please address inquiries as early as possible to the local hospitality chairmen:

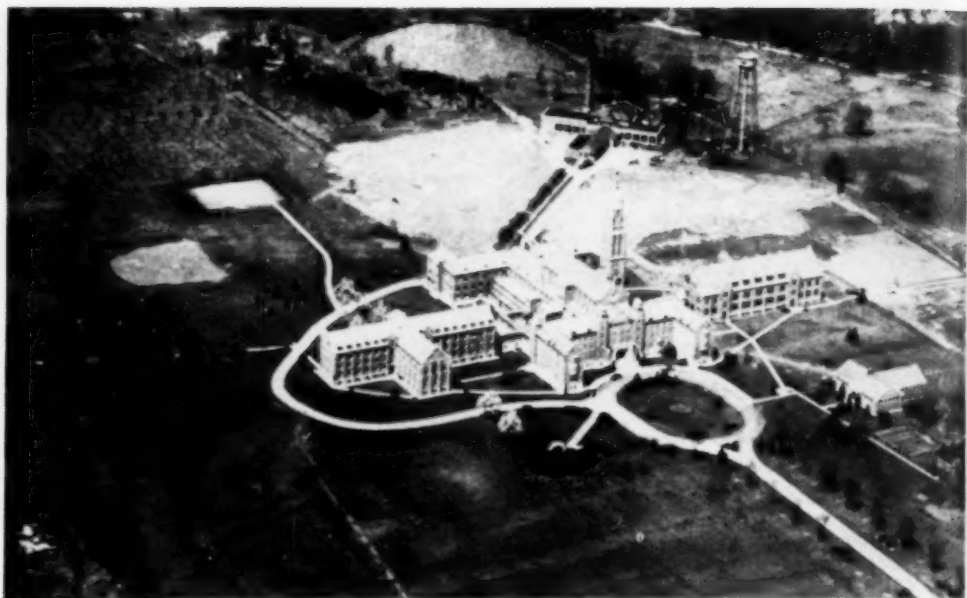
For Men: Rev. Anthony Kleinschmidt, Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio

For Sisters: Sister Mary Laurella, C.S.C., Mount Carmel Hospital Library, Columbus 8, Ohio

## EXHIBITS

Publishers and manufacturers of library equipment, audio-visual teaching aids, and subscription agencies have arranged to display their products and services. Exhibits are all on the Ballroom floor, convenient to all meetings of the Conferences. Representatives will be found there during all the sessions of the Conference. Special scheduling for visiting these exhibits will be found in the Conference Schedule.





Josephinum Seminary established as a Pontifical College, by decree of the Holy See Dec. 12, 1892.

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

##### Meetings

Monday, April 6, 4 P.M.

Thursday, April 9, 4 P.M.

##### Dinner

Thursday, April 9, 6:30 P.M.

#### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

##### LUNCHEON

Thursday, April 9, 12 Noon.

#### EXHIBITS

A series of exhibits will be maintained by leading publishers, manufacturers of library and teaching equipment in the Ballroom Foyer. A notable addition to the exhibits this year are a number of periodical subscription agencies who will be prepared to explain their services and to discuss the problems of supplying subscriptions to libraries.

Delegates to the Conference will find that especial times have been designated each day for visiting these exhibits, an important part of Conference going.

#### TOUR

The Catholic Librarians of Columbus and vicinity are arranging a tour of exceptional interest for Wednesday morning at 9:00 A.M. Points of interest to be visited include seminary and college libraries of the area, the Ohio State Library and the Library of Ohio State University. An Authors' Tea is tentatively planned at the Cathedral Book Store, near the Conference Hotel. The State Historical Libraries and the Legislative Reference Libraries are a short block from the Hotel and will welcome interested visitors, throughout the Conference time.

#### History Making Events in the Diocese

St. Joseph's, Somerset, Ohio, "the cradle of Catholicism in all Ohio," established 1818.

Diocese of Columbus duly established by brief of Pope Pius IX, Mar. 3, 1868.

The Most Reverend Sylvester H. Rosecrans, D.D., appointed first bishop of Columbus Mar. 3, 1868.

Dedication of the new Pontifical College

Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1931.

Dedication of St. Charles' Seminary, Columbus, Nov. 4, 1925.

Cornerstone-Laying of the new Liberal Arts Building (Erskine Hall) on the campus of the College of St. Mary of the Springs June 13, 1928.

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE BUILDING, housing many state departments and the Ohio State Library, is situated on S. Front St., at the foot of State St., with a landscape park extending on the north to Broad St., and on the south to Town St.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, one of the city's six public high schools, faces Washington Boulevard on the west bank of the Scioto River, and its campus and athletic field extend from Broad St. to Town St.

FEDERAL BUILDING, housing the city's main postoffice, federal offices, and the U. S. Weather Bureau, is at 85 Marconi Blvd.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY, Grant Ave., at State St. has branches in each section of the city.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, main entrance on N. High St., at 15th Ave., is one of the country's largest universities.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY is on the University campus, facing Neil Ave.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, one of the nation's most modern structures, on the University campus.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM OF OHIO STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY is situated at the main entrance to the Ohio State University campus, N. High St. and 15th Ave.

BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE (research laboratory) is at 505 King Ave.

COLUMBUS GALLERY OF FINE ARTS, the community's chief art center, is at 480 E. Broad St.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, E. Main St., at College Ave., in Bexley.

ST. MARY OF THE SPRINGS COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, conducted by Dominican Sisters, Nelson and Johnston Roads.

### Joint Committee on Library Education

Discussion of A.L.A. and placement service. Conclusion. "Since it would seem that there is no action which the Joint Committee could take in this matter at present, it was moved and seconded that our own Subcommittee on Placement stand by to await action by the A.L.A. It was thought, however, that a letter expressing the interest of the Joint Committee and offering co-operation might be addressed to the Chairman of the A.L.A. Subcommittee which is studying this matter."

"A motion was made and carried that a letter be addressed to the Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association and to any other appropriate bodies and agencies to the effect that the Joint Committee on Library Education invites serious consideration to the following: (1) that nearly 200 schools, colleges and universities now offer courses, programs and degrees unaccredited by the Board of Education for Librarianship; (2) that enrollment in such unaccredited courses and programs seriously affects enrollment in B.E.L. accredited institutions which are now operating well below their enrollment capacity, premising a curtailment in their resources which eventually will affect both the quality and breadth of their curriculum, and moreover obscures standards of professional training; (3) that there exists a need for an immediate program to orient employers of librarians, state evaluating and certifying bodies and state and regional associations to the differences between accredited and nonaccredited training, and to urge them to institute and maintain the highest possible standards in evaluating the professional training of individuals and the curricula of institutions for library training."

Since the Washington meeting the A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship has sent correspondence stating that in October the National Commission on Accrediting decided that "the Commission intends that the Regional Associations will have assumed, by January, 1954, full responsibility for accreditation of institutions of higher education."

"Members of the Commission are requested (a)

to stop accrediting relationships with the above organizations (includes A.L.A.), (b) to cease payment of accrediting fees to these organizations, and (c) to communicate with the regional Association on accrediting matters in the fields represented by these organizations."

December 10 the N.C.A. gave permission to the A.L.A. to visit the University of Texas, for accrediting purposes. The visit was made on January 12-15. "Invitations for visits to other unaccredited library schools, also approved by the N.C.A., have been received and plans for these visits are now being made."

REV. DANIEL P. FALVEY, O.S.A.  
CLA Representative, JCLE

### RULES FOR CATALOGING RECORDS

The importance as library materials of the ever-increasing number of sound recordings is reflected in a new pamphlet published by the Library of Congress. Entitled *Rules for Descriptive Cataloging in the Library of Congress: Phonorecords*, the pamphlet outlines the Library's rules for cataloging all types of sound recordings—phonograph discs and cylinders, wire and tape recordings, player-piano rolls, and the like.

The rules, formulated in the Library with the assistance of specialists in recorded materials, are designed to aid catalogers in the Library of Congress and in other libraries. Because the Library prints catalog cards not only for itself but for sale to other libraries and individuals, its cataloging rules are of a national importance. With the publication of these rules, the Library also announces its plans to offer a printed catalog card service for recordings comparable to its established service in the field of printed materials and motion pictures and film strips.

Copies of *Rules for Descriptive Cataloging in the Library of Congress: Phonorecords* may be obtained free from the Card Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. Inquiries concerning the printed card service for sound recordings should be addressed to Mr. Alpheus L. Walter, Chief of the Card Division.

# The Role of the Librarian in Language Study\*

Sister Stella Maris, O.P.

Saint Catherine's College, Kentucky

One may wonder what role, if any, a librarian could possibly play in language study. It takes all kinds of actors to make a play. One may shine as a prince or princess, or as a fairy godmother, but even Cinderella needs a footman, and many an evening is the brighter for the contribution of a stage butler or a maid-of-all-work. Without stretching the analogy too far, I should like to present to you your servant, the librarian, a person who, by choice of a career and by special training for that career, is prepared to serve you well; and I hope you will consider whether you are deriving the greatest possible benefit from the services of your librarian.

Time was when on some campuses the library was considered to be an adjunct to the courses in literature and the social sciences. Other departments thought that they had no share. The most benighted were the natural sciences. If you were to mention the library to them, they would say, "The library? Oh! We never go there. It has nothing for us." And if the librarian were questioned about holdings in science, the reply might be, "The sciences? Those people never come near the library, so we just don't buy in those fields." Certainly a very vicious circle; fortunately the solution need not delay us here. But there might have been a time and place when the foreign languages asked and received almost as little attention. However, the day is happily past (if there ever was such a day) in which your courses were concerned with the routines of grammar and the translation of a very limited number of prescribed texts.

These objectives, indeed, would demand very little of the library, but your widely expanded courses now call for the best and the richest of library resources. You are not content with students who have a smattering of French. You want them to know what a Frenchman is; how he thinks, feels, and expresses himself; and why. Especially in these days you are conscious of the privi-

leged position of your department in that great aim of education, the development of international understanding.

You ask, then, for materials in history to enrich your course and enlighten the student whose knowledge of this subject is derived from "A Tale of Two Cities." You go then to the section labelled "Geography," a sufficiently prosaic term, but one which includes a wealth of material ranging from topography, the lore of the guide books and travellers' tales, through fascinating views of the land's loveliest scenes, with customs and costumes of the more remote districts—all combining in a vivid expression of the country, with a hint of the genius of the people.

In the fine arts sections, shelves on architecture provide evidence of the glories and beauties of the past, while near-by are found the painters who have been so very influential in the modern schools. All this by way of background, for the heart of the people speaks most clearly through its literature.

You want your students to sample the great writers of the past and present, especially your advanced students. Much of this reading may have to be done in translation, but whatever the language, the library is your storehouse. Poetry, drama, the essay—all the best of these should be found there, and will be if you ask for them. The librarian who knows your wishes will be able to call to your attention items which you might otherwise miss, such things as odd selections embodied in anthologies of world literature. Scattered among the other fiction are translations of the great French novels of the past and the highly significant products of our own day. Others certainly should have an opportunity to read them, but language students are in a position to derive the greatest fruit from them.

If your library is also the audio-visual center of the institution, you may call on it beside for a wealth of teaching aids, such as motion picture and filmstrip. In many cases, the files of magazines, as well as the books on art and architecture which I have

\*Read in the French Section of the Third University of Kentucky FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE, May 12, 1950. Sister Stella Maris is editor of the Catholic Booklist.



mentioned, can provide graphic material of a high order. If you are in the habit of clipping items of interest and comments on current developments, yet have not devised a satisfactory way of circulating them in your classes, the library will take care of them. Perhaps they might be placed in pamphlet box on the shelves with your reserve books, and administered under ordinary library rules or any others which you may wish to suggest.

All this has been a fairly obvious development of curricular needs, but the library can assist informally in other ways. We are becoming increasingly conscious of the benefits accruing from good publicity, good public relations. The library is working on the problem, and it can help you, too. News of the activities of your department posted on your bulletin boards will certainly keep your students informed: the same information posted elsewhere in the institution serves the additional purpose of enhancing your prestige among the student body and of giving your students a righteous pride in their work. If, for example, a member of your French Club is to deliver a lecture, whether the entire student body is invited or not, an announcement or display of related literature in the library is very good publicity. Incidentally, if the members of the club help set up the exhibit, their sense of pride in their work is deepened. Similarly, when in the institution or in the community there is to be a concert or lecture of any sort of program that could be considered pertinent, publicity relating it to the foreign language department is good for the department.

An excellent student project is the noticing of events and anniversaries—the birth

or death of an individual, the anniversary of a great discovery or of an event in history, the picture of a visiting notable, or any notable. All of these, with a note connecting the exhibit with your students, can lend prestige to your department. It might be objected that exhibits of this sort take time, and that perhaps you should not impose such a burden on your already-busy librarian. Your librarian would probably reply that there should be exhibits anyhow, and that if the work is suggested, inspired, and perhaps even assisted by others, the burden is lighter than it would otherwise have been.

Having become familiar with your interests, the librarian may now go so far as to include you in an institution which might be called the "shower of cards." You are familiar with those little three-by-five cards which we always have about us. In every magazine we read, we find something which we think might interest some member of the faculty who would not be expected to read the given periodical regularly. So out comes a card, and a note is jotted down. It may be helpful or not, but we keep on doing it with the thought that some of our little suggestions may find a welcome with the teacher.

All these comments are fairly obvious. Many teachers have gone far beyond them in cooperation and collaboration. But if there be any here present who are not deriving even so much benefit from the great service agency, the library, to them I say: "Won't you give your librarian a chance to serve you better? We would be very happy to do more for you. We love to be asked. That's what we are for."

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### History Making Events in the Diocese

● Delegates to the 1953 National Convention of the Catholic Library Association will have the opportunity to visit the three outstanding institutions whose growth closely parallels that of the Diocese itself. All three are within a half-hour's drive from the corner of Broad and High, the center of town.

● The College of St. Mary of the Springs is a resident and non-resident college for women, established in Somerset, Ohio, in 1830, and transferred to Columbus in 1868. Its fifty-four acre campus in the eastern section of the Capital City, is only a fifteen

minute drive from the heart of town. Enrollment is 200.

● The Pontifical College Josephinum is a seminary directly subject to the Holy See. Students enter in first year high, continue through the twelve-year course to the priesthood. Present enrollment is 300.

● The Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo represents "the greatest single achievement of the Diocese of Columbus . . ." Within its classrooms were molded the spirits of most of the priests now serving in the diocese of Columbus. Enrollment is 51. High School is 263.

# Teen-Agers and Reading Today

Sister Mary Hester, S.S.N.D.  
Mount Mary College, Milwaukee

The problem confronting the teacher or librarian who chooses books for teen-agers is a complex and difficult one, for it involves much more than the choice of a book. Too frequently the adult forgets the educational principle essential to all reading—the book must be suited to the individual. Recognizing this fact, the teacher-librarian must know not only the book, but the student, since the book must be measured to the teen-ager, not the teen-ager to the book.

Let us examine two aspects. First, consideration of the adolescent is, I think, more fundamental than a consideration of the books available for him, important though these be. All of us have had courses in Adolescent Psychology; all of us are in constant contact with young people, but even with this important and essential background, we tend to slip into a habit of cataloging and labeling them as if they were so many cards for our files. Adolescents are people; they are human beings, and as such, defy classification. Intellectually we know this; in actual practice we tend to forget it. We forget that the adolescent age-range is from 12 to 21, that intellectual growth and ability varies as widely, that emotional maturity is individual and personal, and that environmental conditions defy analysis. A book which is suitable for one youngster may be definitely harmful to another. The boy or girl who is retarded, who has difficulty with the sheer mechanics of reading can not be expected to enjoy a classic which was written for a literate adult. The teen-ager whose contemporary interests and enthusiasms are dancing and dates, foot-ball and final examinations, cannot comprehend the tortuous introversion of so many heroes and heroines of contemporary Catholic fiction.

Granted that our job as educators is to help the young mind to stretch, to reach into areas of intellectual and emotional experience which are new to him; granted that we are to help him grow by vicarious experience,—there is no justification, educationally speaking, for forced growth. Perhaps it would be more psychologically sound

to say that growth in the human being, to be healthful and wholesome, must be natural and spaced, as must any other growth. It might be a good thing for all of us charged with the terrible responsibility of training and guiding young minds to reread Father Raphael C. McCarthy's *Training the Adolescent*, and to reconsider the problems of the restless young.

A good deal of discussion is going on today in educational circles on the problem of Catholic reading for Catholic young people. The problem is vital and serious, and at the risk of appearing superficial, of lacking appreciation for the great contemporary Catholic classics, I should like to suggest that the problem of fitting the book to the student applies here as definitely as it does in the field of purely secular writing. Catholic fiction, notably that of the masters—Bloy, Bernanos, Mauriac, Greene — was written for adults. The problems presented are problems of maturity, and presented with a mature awareness of the problem of good and evil. That many of them are controversial, even in intellectually and emotionally mature circles should be evidence enough of their unsuitability for the young mind which sees things in strong blacks and blazing whites of absolutes.

There may be an occasional adolescent for whom *The Woman Who Was Poor* will be a valuable and rewarding experience. He remains the exception, as any college teacher will agree who has discussed the book with students who read it prematurely. This is no indictment of the books or the adolescents; they are simply not suited to each other at this time, and the prudent and wise director of teen-age reading will acknowledge the fact. Books are not spinach to be fed to all indiscriminately. And, as a matter of fact, is spinach?

We accept the existence of allergies in the physical world, and we do not quibble about norms of personal taste. There are spiritual and intellectual allergies, and ignoring them can result in serious disturbance for the individual soul, a disturbance which the adolescent will be reluctant to discuss.

\*Summary of a talk given at the Fall meeting of the Wisconsin Unit, C.L.A.

The past few years have seen too much bandying about of the expression "emotional immaturity" in regard to adolescent reading—and to the teen-ager there is no worse fate than to be stigmatized as immature. The fact is, he *is* immature; if he were not he would not be an adolescent. But there is no shame in being young, and there is no shame in finding certain books unpalatable, at any age. Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., in his excellent pamphlet *Tenets for Readers and Reviewers* insists that "Each reader must be his own Index as he reads. This is his moral obligation, and not even a book reviewer's recommendation can free him of it . . . Nor need he feel queer or abashed; it all simply means that his sensibilities, whether higher or lower, are not on the same wave-length as the reviewer's."

Those of us who recommend reading to young people ought to be continually aware of the danger of foisting our own adult literary enthusiasms on young people who have neither the enthusiasms nor the back-

ground of experience to put what they read into the pattern of the whole reality. We should know each book we recommend, and we should know the student to whom we recommend it, and certainly we should pray for guidance that we may not err in this most delicate task.

In conclusion, it might be well to ask ourselves how much *we* read. If we do not read consistently we have no right to require reading of our students. In a recent lecture at Mount Mary, Dan Herr, president of Thomas More Association, told the students that if they did not read an average of a book a week, they were paying only lip-service to literacy. It might be embarrassing for the teacher-librarian if his own recent reading record were to be made public. If Arnold Lunn is right, it is more than embarrassing, for, said he, "It may well be a venial sin to allow the mind to grow fallow." We teachers and librarians handle books and recommend them. Do we read them?

## Let's Have Decent Literature

*Mrs. Hallows, chairman of the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Decent Literature Committee, spoke at the Wisconsin Unit meeting of the CLA in Milwaukee last November. Her very practical suggestions for ACTION on the control of the vicious flood of indecency and pornography, and means for reaching those who can aid this work are given*

*here for the use of individuals and groups who may wish to follow her example. This is public relations within the reach of anyone with pen and paper. Local units and libraries might supply addresses, information on local legislation and sample letters to their readers, alumni groups and mothers clubs.*

How can you, as a member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, (or any decent citizen) help?

I. **BY PRAYER:** Pray daily for the return of Christian morality and for the success of our efforts to have decent literature.

III. **BY EXAMPLE:** Have only good, morally fit books and magazines in your home and supervise your children's choices.

III. **BY LEGISLATION:** This can be accomplished by writing your senator and assemblyman at the state capital and your senator and congressman in Washington, D.C., urging them to support or introduce effective legislation.

Dear Sir:

For some time there has been an increase in the amount of indecent literature displayed for sale on news stands, in drug stores, food stores, department stores, depots, lobbies, etc. These publications are prominently displayed where young people gather. Consequently, many of them have been read by these young people and have a damaging effect on their ideals of morality and respect for law and order.

I understand that there is a law in Wisconsin against this, but I am told that there are loopholes in it that need attention.

Why can't effective legislation be enacted to get rid of this menace to our children?

IV. **BY LAW ENFORCEMENT:** This can be accomplished by writing your local postmaster or the postmaster general in Washington, D. C. commending him for what he is doing and protesting the indecent literature that is still being sent through the mails, (There is a federal law against sending indecent literature through the mails.)

This is the type of letter to write:

On the local level this can be accomplished by writing your district attorney and chief-of-police, commending them for their efforts and bringing to their attention any indecent literature that you can find on the news stand. (There is a state law prohibiting the sale of indecent literature.)

You may also contact your city attorney.

Residents of Milwaukee County may write to the Milwaukee County Literary Commission, Milwaukee County Court House, commending their efforts and pointing out any indecent literature. The commission has requested that you give it the name of the publication and its date of issue.

If you have a complaint with regard to indecent literature in your neighborhood, call it to the attention of your parish decent literature chairman who has a copy of the "National Organization Decent Literature Code and Its Interpretations." She will notify the archdiocesan chairman.

When something definitely objectionable comes to our attention, our secretary will bring it to your attention and then we ask you as a body to join us in protesting.

This is the type of letter to write:

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Mothers and a member of ..... parish in ..... (town), and I vigorously protest the display and sale of ..... (magazine) or ..... (book) by your establishment. This publication is particularly demoralizing to children and young people.

Finally, there is an opportunity for each of you to do Christopher work. Visit the places where these publications are for sale and ask why there are so few good books on the racks. Call attention to the fact that most of the books are about crime, sex or violence and that you would be ashamed to have them in your home.

Offer to go through the racks and remove the objectionable publications and to furnish a copy of the NODL list.

Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Mothers Decent Literature Committee.  
MRS. E. HAROLD HALLOWS, *Chairman*  
2544 N. Harding Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.

## What They've Done to the Constitution!

### The Committee Reports\*

This year's report of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, is in the nature of an interim report. In presenting the radical suggestions contained in the Report given at the National Convention last June, the Committee gathered and codified the suggestions of some three hundred members of the Association. We now present the mutilated remnants for discussion and action.

The 1952 report was divided into three sections. In the first of these, basic constitutional provisions were separated from specific material, more proper to the By-Laws. The resultant truncated Constitution is anything but a happy statement of our organization. The Committee will welcome, prior to the National Meeting, the suggestions of members for the proper and effective revision or presentation of these basic ideas.

In the second section, the Committee's report pointed out sections of the Constitution to be brought into line with present practice. These multiple suggestions are printed here, in the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, in italic text. All the suggestions of last year's report have been thus incorporated.

The third section of the 1952 Report contained radical departures in concept and practice. One of these, the renumbering of the paragraphs consecutively throughout has been adopted. Two smaller items, listed in the report as points 34 and 35 have been adopted. These are the use of the word "journal," in place of "organ" in reference to the *Catholic Library World*, and the use of the term *Executive Secretary* in place of the term "Secretary-treasurer."

\*Editor's Note: Space forbids printing the entire text of the By-Laws. A full copy of these is available on request from the CLA office, as renumbered. The text is found in full in the Handbook for 1951. Only revised sections of the By-Laws are printed here.

A further change, already approved at two national meetings, is the replacing of Section 10(b) by the new provisions with reference to membership in local units. The report listed this as point 33. It is printed here as Section 35 of the By-Laws.

The inclusion and adoption of all these items are in the spirit of the vote of acceptance of the report given at the 1952 convention. Five other items, those numbered from 28 to 32, are, in the opinion of the Committee, material in which there is not only division of opinion, but points to which neither discussion nor support was given by the members present at the Business Session in New York.

The Committee asks that these five proposals be brought to the floor and voted on at the 1953 Convention in Columbus. They may then become part of the By-Laws either by mail ballot, or by the affirmative vote of a second general meeting, in accordance with which ever provisions are set by the association.

The Committee has two further suggestions as addenda to this report. The first is the grouping of the By-Laws into a more logical sequence; the second is the rewording in a more elegant manner of many of the Sections of the By-Laws.

Respectfully presented,  
Rev. William M. Davish, S.J.  
Dr. William A. Fitzgerald  
Brother Aurelian Thomas, F.S.C., *Chairman*.

#### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

As approved at the 26th Annual Convention, held in New York, N.Y., June 28, 1952.

##### Article 1.—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Catholic Library Association. The Catholic Library Association is a legally incorporated institution.





LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE FOR THE 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus will be host to the convention. Pictured above as plans were talked over at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel are: front row, left to right: Ann Sullivan; Sister Maryanna, O.P.; the Rev. A. A. Kleinschmidt; Sister Mary Ruth, O.P.; Sister Mary Candida, O.S.F.; Elizabeth Biggert and Mrs. Lee Kelly; Second row: The Rev. George Wolz; Robert Holsinger; the Rev. Steven Meder, S.J.; the Rev. Ambrose Burke, T.O.R.; and the Rev. Edmund L. Binsfeld, C.P.S.

#### Article 2.—Object

The purpose of the organization shall be to initiate, foster and encourage any movement toward the development of Catholic literature and Catholic library work.

#### Article 3.—Membership

Members: All persons, institutions and organizations interested in the purposes of the Catholic Library Association shall be eligible for membership.

#### Article 4.—Officers

The officers of the Catholic Library Association shall be the President, the Vice-President, and the Executive Secretary.

#### By-Laws

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at two successive regular meetings of the Association, not less than four months apart, provided the notice of the proposed amendments be sent for consideration to each member of the Association at least one month before final adoption.

Section 2. By-Laws may be adopted by vote of the Association upon written report of the Executive Council or a special committee appointed and authorized by the Executive Council. By-Laws may be dropped or suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any regular meeting of the Association.

Section 3. Specifically, the nature and character of the activities of the Catholic Library Association and its objectives are as follows:

- (a) To disseminate knowledge of library service to all its members;
- (b) To compile bibliographical research aids that will promote Catholic scholarship;

- (c) To carry on and/or provide for the official publications of the Association;

- (d) To encourage the formation of Sections, Regional Conferences and Units within the Association;

- (e) To cooperate with national standardizing agents in the development and improvement of Catholic library schools;

- (f) To collaborate with other organizations having problems of mutual interest.

#### Membership

Section 9. Institutional members: The annual dues for institutional members shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars which includes subscription to the *Catholic Library World*, and to the *Handbook*.

Section 10. Individual members who pay an annual fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be termed constituent members. They shall be entitled to *The Catholic Library World* and to the *Handbook* of the Association.

Section 11. Individual members who pay an annual fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be termed personal members. They shall be entitled to *The Catholic Library World*, but not to the *Handbook*.

Section 13. Terms of office except for the Executive Secretary shall last from the final session of the National Conference of the time of election to the close of the second subsequent National Conference.

Section 14. The Vice-President automatically succeeds the President, when the term of the latter expires, and he may, therefore, be regarded as President-elect. The immediate past president will then serve at least two years as a member of the Executive Council.

Section 16. It is the duty of the President to preside over the annual business meeting of the Catholic Library Association or any special meeting which the Executive Council deems expedient to order; to name those who are to serve on Committees when directed to do so by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Council or of the members of the Association in National Conference assembled; to represent and stand for the Catholic Library Association, declaring its will and in all things obeying its commands. *He is ex-officio, a member of the Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws, of the Program Committee, of the Committee on Membership and of the Committee on the Catholic Periodical Index.*

Section 17. It is the duty of the Vice-President to discharge the duties of the President in the latter's absence. *He is ex-officio Chairman of the Advisory Council and Chairman of the Program Committee.*

Section 18. *The Executive Secretary is the continuing official of the Association. His appointment shall be made by the President in collaboration with the Executive Council. His office shall be the headquarters office of the Association where all official records shall be filed and preserved. He shall keep the President and the Executive Council informed on matters of precedent and policy. He shall keep records of all activities, of the meetings of boards, sections, regional conferences, units and committees. He shall keep a file of the names of members, shall post bills regularly and shall carry on the correspondence exacted by the demands of courtesy or business expedience. He is the receiver and the custodian of all money payable to the Catholic Library Association, except the service basis charges of The Catholic Periodical Index; and as the disburser of funds he shall draw a draft on all contracted bills not in excess of the authorized appropriation. He shall submit to the President and the Executive Council semi-annual financial statements which must also be reported to the members in Annual Conference at the business session, and if accepted and approved, must be published in the next issue of the official journal of the Association. A financial statement, however, may be demanded by the Executive Council from the Executive Secretary at any time to ascertain the condition of the treasury.*

Section 19. The Executive Council is composed of the President, the Vice-President, *the immediate past President*, and the Executive Secretary and six members at large, elected by the members of the Catholic Library Association with terms of office for six years.

Section 20. The Executive Council shall confer with the President in the formulation of plans and policies, and in the decisions of all purposes and procedures of the organization.

Section 23. The Executive Council has the power to fill all vacancies in office pro tempore; the person or persons so elected serve only ad interim, until the next regular election held by the Association; except in the case of the death or resignation of the President, or his inability to serve, when the Vice-President be-

comes President. The election of a member of the Executive Council to the office of President, Vice-President or *Executive Secretary* creates a vacancy in the Council that must be filled ad interim and as soon as possible. A majority of the Executive Council is here sufficient.

Section 24. A review of all decisions by the Executive Council during the year from one annual meeting of the Catholic Library Association to the next must be offered and any modifications or revisions thought necessary will be discussed and finally adopted or rejected. The list of agenda must be prepared beforehand and summarized in an orderly manner and the text of the decisions presented according to the rules of parliamentary law, so as to expedite final decisive action by the Council assembled in executive session; the same matter must be outlined for the members of the Catholic Library Association, who may be present on the closing day of the Annual Conference. The texts of all decisions must then be published as soon as possible in the official journal, *The Catholic Library World*. The exact, official and completed report of the whole Conference and all papers presented must be filed for record with the Executive Secretary at headquarters.

Section 32. The reports of sectional meetings must be forwarded in detail to the headquarters of the Catholic Library Association, and upon approval by the Executive Council, must be published in the official *Journal*, *The Catholic Library World*.

Section 35. *Only members of the Catholic Library Association may be elected to office in a National Conference, a Joint Session or a Local Unit.*

Section 43. Conditions governing committees must be cited by the *Executive Secretary*, when these appointments are made, and a statement of the aims of each committee must be forwarded to the persons invited to serve.

Section 44. A Finance Committee of three members chosen by the Executive Council must prepare an estimate of income for the fiscal year. The accounts of all receipts and expenditures of the *Executive Secretary* as well as cash on hand and accounts outstanding must be examined by the Finance Committee; then audited by a certified accountant; and the financial condition declared to the Executive Council and the members of the Catholic Library Association at the Annual Conference.

Section 56. The official journal of the Catholic Library Association shall be known as *The Catholic Library World*.

Section 59. Budgets of the running expenses for the transaction of official business of the following offices are provided for: President, *Executive Secretary*, Editor of *The Catholic Library World*, the Chairman of the *Committee of the Catholic Periodical Index*, and the Editor of *The Catholic Periodical Index*. The *Executive Secretary* must submit applications to the Executive Council accompanied by an estimate of expenditures involved.

## THEOLOGY DIGEST

The digest or *precis* method of covering essential publications is a necessary tool to every scholar. No specialist can hope to read all the literature of his field. In the subject of theology, from Apologetics to Scripture, the added barrier of language makes authoritative aids to vital publications even more necessary. The Jesuits of St. Louis province offer a new and indispensable aid to this study. More than forty periodicals, including several scholarly Protestant journals are being scanned and the most useful articles condensed, translated and precisely written are offered quarterly for a two dollar yearly subscription price.

First users will naturally be priests, seminaries and scholarly libraries. The value of this periodical should by no means be denied to a much wider group of laymen. Teachers, group leaders, and college students can all find vital and useful material here. Its value in college and even high school courses in Christian Doctrine can hardly be overestimated.

Contents are not limited to digests alone. Included for each article are a "Related Bibliography," vita of authors, and a brief statement of the argument of the article digested. As a layman the writer found the articles not only understandable, but full of interest both for daily living and as replies to the many problems presented by events in public affairs. JML.

The CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX is glad to announce that selective indexing of the *Theology Digest* will begin with this the first number (Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 1953). If readers demand it full indexing will begin with the next checklist issued by the Index. Subscriptions to the *Theology Digest* should be addressed to 1015 Central, Kansas City 5, Mo.

## ASSOCIATION PROGRESS . . .

### BROOKLYN-LONG ISLAND UNIT

On Saturday, December 6th, the Brooklyn-Long Island Unit of the Catholic Library Association met at St. Mary's High School, Manhasset. Rev. Francis P. Tomai, S.M.M., chairman of the Unit, presided. Sister M. Annette, I.H.M. welcomed the assembled librarians and their guests and offered the hospitality of St. Mary's for future gatherings.

A short business meeting followed during which Father Tomai urged membership in the National Organization and encouraged the members to subscribe to the *Catholic Periodical Index*. He also announced that Sister Regina Miriam, C.S.J., former chairman of the Unit, had been nominated for membership on the Executive Council of the National Organization.

Mr. James Johnson of Valley Stream, historian for the *Brooklyn Tablet*, read a very informative paper on PATRICK C. KEELEY, PIONEER ARCHITECT AND ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNER. Mr. Keeley born in Ireland in 1842 came to this country and settled in Brooklyn where he lived and worked for nearly fifty years, dying there in 1896. The results of his work can be seen today in Churches, Convents, and Institutions from Halifax to New Orleans and from South Brooklyn to Chicago. He worked with Brooklyn's first bishop, the Most Rev. John Loughlin and had dealings with Most Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, Brooklyn's second ordinary.

Rev. John K. Sharp, pastor of St. Mary's H.S.

and St. Mary's Parish, Manhasset, author of various books on Homiletics, former professor at the Diocesan Seminary, and an historian for Diocesan History, gave a very scholarly presentation of available source material for a "NARRATIVE HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN." Father Sharp's research has resulted thus far in the publication of a brochure entitled A HISTORY OF CATHOLICISM ON LONG ISLAND and a book, PRIESTS AND PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN, 1820-1948, a bi-product of his study. Father's brochure was presented to each of the guests in attendance at the meeting.

SISTER MARY CHARLES, O.P.  
Secretary-Treasurer

### MINNESOTA-DAKOTA UNIT

The Minnesota-Dakota Unit of the Catholic Library Association held its annual meeting on Friday, November 28, 1952, at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. The meeting opened with a high mass in honor of the Holy Spirit. The Right Reverend Abbot Baldwin Dworshak, in his words of welcome compared the work of the librarian with the servants at the wedding feast of Cana who carried water for the jars not knowing that it was to be turned into precious wine for all the guests.

The program included an introduction to the history of St. John's Abbey Library by Father Ronold Roloff, O.S.B., in which he pointed out the trends in the growth of the library collection in its nearly 100 years of existence.

Miss Mary C. Baker, librarian of the Stearns County Library spoke on "Coordinating Libraries for Service for All." She stressed the fact that there is still much to be done to make the best books available to all readers. This task is the obligation of all libraries—college, public, state, parish and others.

Father Michael Marx, O.S.B., in his talk, "Five Centuries of the Printed Book," made a plea for a better printed Bible to follow in the steps of "the first book printed from movable type." Bibles from the Abbey library were on display.

Sister M. Conchessa, O.S.B., drew on her own experience as librarian at the College of St. Benedict to show what can be done both in and outside the library to "Bring Students to the Library." She stressed the importance of good public relations with the faculty.

At the business meeting the group went on record as endorsing the revision of A.L.A. Rule 53 as proposed by Father Oliver Kapsner, O.S.B. and instructed the secretary to send a statement to the A.L.A. Committee on Revision.

Sister Mary Therese, C.S.J., Academy of the Holy Angels, Minneapolis succeeds Father Benjamin Stein as chairman of the Unit for 1953; Sister Marie Inez, C.S.J., the College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, was asked to serve as vice-chairman.

SISTER MARIE INEZ  
Secretary

### Northern Ohio Unit

The Northern Ohio Unit of the Catholic Library Association held its ninth annual conference at John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, November 1, 1952. Father Binsfeld opened the meeting with prayer fol-

lowed by a welcoming address by Father Welfle, S.J., President of John Carroll University in which he offered the hospitality of the University to the Conference and also extended an invitation to be his guests at a tea at the close of the meeting.

The report of the Book Week Committee was read by Brother Adolph Kalt, S.M., Chairman as follows: The annual Book Week poster contest was held at St. John's College Library in which over 300 posters were submitted and 40 schools participated. Prizes of books were given, although there is need for more prizes and gifts for these competitions. There is also a need for a grade school chairman. Brother Adolph requested special thanks be given to Mr. Phillips of the Phillips Book Store and Mr. Cullough of The Catholic Book Store for their special cooperation. The 1953 Catholic Book Week will be February 22-28 and the awards will be given March 1, 1953.

A motion was made by Father Fallardean, S.S.S. for the appointment of a committee to review and report on the findings of the constitution now in the progress of being written. The motion was seconded by Father Mackin.

The letter of resignation of Father Luke Yaeger, O.S.B. was read and accepted. Since the constitution allows that the vice-chairman become chairman, Father Binsfeld became chairman.

A letter from Dr. Helen Butler of The Catholic Library Association was read in which she pleaded for an increase in membership and that The Northern Ohio Unit support The Catholic Periodical Index which has risen in cost.

A motion by Sister Mary De Sales of St. Augustine Academy was made to the effect that greetings be sent to Sister Mary Borgia at Marymount Hospital and Father Luke Yaeger during their illnesses. The motion was acted upon.

Father Binsfeld introduced the principal speaker, Father Redmond Burke, author of the Book, *What is the Index?* Father Burke spoke on the duty of The Church to guide her children, just as parents have the responsibility to guide their children.

Notices for the remainder of the day were read, and by motion of Father Leonard and Brother Kalt, the meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer.

LUCILLE G. CRANE  
Secretary-Treasurer

### PHILADELPHIA AREA UNIT

The December meeting of the Philadelphia Area Unit of the Catholic Library Association was held at the new LaSalle College Library on Sunday, December 14, 1952 at 2:30 p.m.

Father Schneider opened the meeting with prayer. Brother Edmund Joseph, our vice-chairman, and librarian of LaSalle welcomed the members and invited them to inspect the building. He then introduced the architect, Mr. Boulware. Mr. Boulware traced the history of architecture from 5000 B.C. and defended the modern. He said that the first purpose of a library is functional, hence the careful arrangement so that reading rooms face north, with stacks on the south side. The result is a thoroughly modern and spacious library.

Mr. Boulware's talk was followed by a brief business meeting.

Speakers for the Annual Authors Luncheon to be held February 14, 1953 in honor of Catholic Book Week are: Maria Augusta Trapp, Mary Lewis Coakley and Austin J. App, Ph.D.

JANE F. HINDMAN,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### WISCONSIN UNIT

The fall meeting of the Wisconsin Catholic Library Association was called to order at 10:15 A.M. on November 15, 1952 by Miss Elizabeth Ewens, Chairman. Approximately 200 delegates were welcomed by Reverend Raymond Punda, President of Notre Dame High School, Milwaukee. Greetings to the unit were extended by Very Reverend Monsignor Edmund J. Goebel, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools of the Milwaukee Diocese who said that "the library has a great function to perform. No school can survive academically without a library." Monsignor Goebel urged the librarians to think in terms of the pupil and forget self.

The first speaker on the program was Reverend Thomas J. Hosty, Curate, St. Angela Church, Chicago. Father Hosty gave an inspirational talk on "Heaven."

Mrs. E. Harold Hallows, Chairman, Decent Literature Committee, Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Milwaukee discussed the problem of indecent literature. "Let's Have Decent Literature" was the subject of her speech. She described the magnitude of the problem of indecent "pulp, confessions, detective stories and comics." Mrs. Hallows summarized the results of a survey the speaker and her husband made of indecent literature available at the newsstands, book stores and drug stores in their neighborhood. She urged the librarians to organize committees throughout the state against the sale of indecent literature. The speaker suggested that the librarians compile bibliographies of "good" books which were to be selected according to the interests and ages of potential readers; she also recommended that these lists be made available to newspapers, schools and parish bulletins.

Reverend Charles Corcoran, S.J. proposed that St. Peter Canisius be considered as a patron of librarians.

Sectional meetings were held during the afternoon. Sister Stephanie of Cardinal Stritch College; Reverend R. A. Fetterer, St. Francis Major Seminary; Miss Mary Dempsey, Director of Libraries at Marquette University; and Sister M. Josepha, Holy Family College, Manitowoc participated in a round table discussion of "Catholic College and University Problems" at the College Section.

Sister M. Hester, S.S.N.D., Associate Professor of English, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, gave an excellent lecture on "Teen-Agers and Reading Today." A practical demonstration on "Book Mending" was given before this High School Sectional Group by Mr. H. H. Armstrong, Sales Manager of Demco Supplies Company.

At the Elementary Section, "Creative Writing and the Child" was discussed by Sister M. Celeste, O.P., Dominican College, Racine. Miss Margaret Mary Dixon, Children's Librarian, Green Bay Avenue Neighborhood Library, Milwaukee, outlined seven specific ways the public library could cooperate with the parochial schools in her talk entitled "Let Your Public Library Help You."



The Parish Libraries Section was addressed by Rev. Joseph Litzow, Moderator, Blessed John Verelli Library on "Parish Libraries and Catholic Action." Miss Mary Chero, St. Rose Parish, Milwaukee; Mrs. George King, St. Augustine Parish, Milwaukee; Miss Clara Mueller, St. Anne Parish, Milwaukee; Miss Ann Fredelake, Holy Name Parish, Racine; Mrs. Catherine Gentile, Holy Rosary Parish, Kenosha, discussed the "Organization and Successful Operation" of their respective libraries.

"The Services of the Hospital Librarian to the Medical Staff, the Nurses, and the Patients" were

discussed by Sister M. Germaine, S.S.M. Librarian, St. John Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Hospital Section. The group also heard Miss Ruth Loeffler from the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau, Milwaukee speak on "Hospitals and the Social Worker." Miss Loeffler in many instances paralleled the work of a librarian with the work of a social worker.

All the librarians visited the many exhibits during the noon recess.

MARY J. SKILLMAN,  
Secretary

## Contact for Catalogers

A Clearing-House Page  
for Catholic Catalogers

### "No Conflict" Names

To some Catholic librarians it may be known, to others not, that the Library of Congress Descriptive Cataloging Division has recently decided on a "no conflict" policy for establishing personal name entries.<sup>1</sup> The decision was occasioned by the desire to speed up the work of cataloging. Specifically it means that the form of name given in the work may be used by the catalogers without further search, provided it is reasonably certain that the name is not likely to be confused with one already established, and conforms to A.L.A. rules for entry.

The new policy may have more implications than the objective directly intended. 'Til now the libraries in our country had put much faith in the correctness and completeness of personal name entries used by the Library of Congress, regarding it as a pace setter in this first essential of good cataloging. Many libraries procured the set of bound volumes of L.C. printed cards precisely because these tomes make correct author entries readily available to catalogers. Should the new "no conflict" policy, now on trial, continue over a period of years, local catalogers may before long have to institute more and more research work of their own in order to establish correct and full name entries, and revise L.C. printed cards.

The cooperative cataloging of Catholic Farmington titles<sup>2</sup> by the Catholic University of America has revealed some of the practical applications of this policy.

Catholic catalogers may have wondered why some authors' names on L.C. printed cards prepared by the Catholic University Library are not more fully determined. The same names are found in Romig's "Guide to Catholic Literature," at times with more complete forename, and/or with dates, to say nothing of conventional religious initials. It would seem that the Catholic University catalogers should have consulted Romig's bibliographic guide. The paradoxical truth is that in a number of instances Romig's entries are more complete because they were prepared and sent him by the Catholic University Library. The same information had been included on cooperative copy sent to the Library of Congress, but was not printed.

According to current Library of Congress policy, once a personal name entry has been used and does not conflict with other entries, it will

continue to be used in that form on subsequently printed cards. It thus happens that imperfect entries, not only without dates but also with only initials of the forename, continue to be used on L.C. printed cards, even though the full forename and date of birth are now known. The practice is defended on the basis that otherwise all the former cards would have to be reprinted. But catalogers only too often have experienced that little is known about an author beyond the title information when he first begins to write, whereas in a few years his identity can be clearly established. This is particularly true in regard to foreign writers.

### Conventional Religious Initials

In view of the somewhat unfortunate arrangement referred to above, it might seem all the more desirable for the Library of Congress to use the conventional initials after the names of members of religious orders, particularly since they can almost invariably be copied or determined from information on the title page. In this way good and useful bibliographic distinctions would be established from the start, and authors could more easily be identified in the L.C. printed catalog.

The recent recommendation to this effect by the Cataloging and Classification Section of the C.L.A. to the Library of Congress and to the A.L.A. Division of Cataloging and Classification has occasioned investigations, discussions, and comments. Catholic librarians naturally favor the practice. How easily it can be done and how remunerating it is can be seen in the pages of the "Catholic Periodical Index" and the "Guide to Catholic Literature."

Two non-Catholic catalogers recently expressed themselves in the matter as follows. One writes, "The new (A.L.A.) cataloging rules, which omit the author statement in the body of the card and thus destroy all identification of religious as such, absolutely necessitate revision of the A.L.A. rules dealing with this subject." The other comments, "It is quite legitimate to show the point of view of the author by using initials of orders. The limited use of 'Father' and 'Brother' [in the suggested revision] eliminates much confusion because many men call themselves 'Father' and 'Brother' according to the whim of the moment." Yet the Library of Congress is hesitant, though it could benefit not a

little from using the handy initials in view of its own new "no conflict" policy.

1. *Rules for Descriptive Cataloging in the Library of Congress*. Supplement 1949-51. 19 p. (see p. 12) Washington, 1952.

2. Under the Farmington Plan the Catholic University of America Library is acquiring all current titles or reference or research value in the field of theology published in most European countries. Cooperative cataloging copy is then supplied for the Library of Congress, which prints and distributes cards for the books.

## Bibliotherapy

Page for Hospital Librarians

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### PATIENTS' LIBRARY MANAGEMENT\*

HOSPITALS, the monthly magazine published by the American Hospital Association, printed an administrative manual in the June, 1952, issue. In that manual, the patients' library is nowhere listed as a hospital responsibility, but is considered to be a project particularly suited to Women's Auxiliaries. Since the above mentioned administrative manual is the newest plan of administrative organization, it appears that the patients' library will continue to be the responsibility of volunteers. And if so, the library will function sporadically as it suits the time and convenience of auxiliary workers. I have drawn up parallel plans—for the first type the hospital is wholly responsible; for the second type volunteer groups are wholly responsible; and for the third type the hospital and volunteer groups cooperate.

#### PLAN No. 1

1. The hospital establishes, furnishes and operates the library.
2. Books, furniture, supplies, and salaries of librarians are the responsibility of the hospital.
3. Delivering books to patients, and collecting them, are responsibility of paid, full-time librarian.
4. Maintenance of library including library duties, is responsibility of paid, full-time librarian.

#### PLAN No. 2

1. The hospital gives space to a Guild for patients' library.
2. Books, furniture, and supplies are the responsibility of the Guild.
3. Delivering books to patients and collecting them, are the responsibility of volunteers of the Guild.
4. Maintenance of library, including library duties, is the responsibility of volunteers of the Guild.

#### PLAN No. 3

1. The hospital gives space for patients' library.
2. Books, furniture, and supplies are paid for by the Guild; salary of librarian paid by hospital.
3. Books are delivered to the patients, and collected, by volunteers from the Guild, college girl volunteers, or independent volunteers.
4. Maintenance of library, including cataloging, etc., is the sole responsibility of the paid librarian.

#### COMMENTS:

Plan No. 1, in which hospital assumes full responsibility for the library . . .

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1. No one person could do all the work required to service, as in our case, an average daily adult population of nearly 400 persons, and at the same time, do the routine library work.

2. The library is a non-profit department under administration; therefore, the hospital would object to the necessary number of personnel required to conduct the patients' library with satisfaction.

3. Paid librarian cannot always go on the floors with books; hence many books that would have been collected from persons discharged that day, are lost in the hands of other patients, graduate nurses, student nurses, maids cleaning the room after a person goes home, etc. (A library book was once found in the main kitchen, walk-in ice-box!)

4. Appeals made to graduate nurses to help the library by setting aside books found in patients' rooms, for collection by librarians, often fall on deaf ears.

5. Even in this advanced scientific age, some floor supervisors do not appreciate the value of a bedside library; they think the library personnel are people of leisure, with "nothing else to do" but deliver books.

Plan No. 2 in which the hospital guild assumes full charge of the patients' library after the hospital administration sets aside a room for the purpose . . .

1. Books, furniture and supplies are furnished by the Guild, without the constant supervision of a responsible person to safeguard them.

2. Delivering books to patients, and collection of same, are the responsibility of volunteers, whose hours of service are of doubtful regularity, and whose knowledge of the psychology of the sick and the appropriateness and timeliness of certain books is generally not equal to the task of bedside librarian.

3. Maintenance of library, standard library hours, routine library duties, would rarely be established and carried out by volunteers according to regular library practice.

4. Volunteer service cannot be regulated or insisted upon by hospital authorities; therefore, the conduct of the library, if not satisfactory, would have to be tolerated by the administration.

5. Ability to interest patients in books would be too varied and limited, to insure carrying out of library aims and ideals by volunteers alone.

Plan No. 3, in which the hospital gives space, and pays the librarian; the Guild furnishes the library, and appropriates money annually for new books and supplies . . .

1. Problems most frequently met with are:

a. The librarian cannot do the routine library work, keep the library open from 9-5, and deliver and collect books from an average 400 persons a day in a given week, without assistance, paid or volunteer.

b. Hospital administration objects to more paid help for a non-profit department.

c. Guild volunteers furnish very little assistance on account of irregularity and hesitancy to discuss books with patients.

d. College girl volunteers are the best library assistants as they are already in a cultural setup and have read many of the books they are trying to "sell" to the patients.

e. However, college girl volunteers have irregularities also, due to holidays, vacations, exams, socials, etc. The hospital service usually is the last thing thought of when a choice between engagements must be made.

2. The most interesting phase of the hospital librarianship is the universal belief in the hospital that she can do anything, therefore her library becomes a center for all sorts of activities, as she has plenty of time:

a. She is a college graduate, therefore, she edits the hospital paper.

b. She has India ink and cardboard, and therefore, she is pressed into service when signs and posters are needed.

c. She is an excellent typist and therefore, she types many a report that is foreign to library work.

d. She is a versatile person and therefore, she finds herself enmeshed in the school of nursing yearbook and so on, ad infinitum!

In summing up the patients' library problem, it seems to me that there are several practical aspects which must not be lost sight of by zealous promoters of good books.

1. The library is a costly department—and brings in no profit in money to the hospital, a fact that Catholic hospitals must consider.

2. Programs for delivering and collecting books take time, which fact must be recognized and appreciated, especially by the administration.

3. Adequate personnel—paid and volunteer—must be secured for proper function of library.

4. Sympathetic understanding on the part of the administration must be present—all depends on this.

5. Re-education of floor supervisors as to value of library must be undertaken consistently and regularly.

A law student, within three months of graduation, was struck blind by a tumor of the brain, which upon examination, was found to be malignant; he was informed that he ought to make his peace with God for his days were numbered. It was the librarian, in a casual visit, who learned from the boy's own lips, that he had left the church several years before; that he had ridiculed and blasphemed all things holy in the presence of the university crowd; that he had not read *one good book* for years, nor a prayerbook, nor religious pamphlets. The contrition of that boy, his desire to make amends for the time lost, his breathless hanging on every word that the librarian-visitor said to him about God, were deep and moving experiences that would stir any zealous soul to greater efforts. To have been the instrument of God in the regeneration of that boy, was to realize the sublime words of a holy Pope, "It is the divinest of divine works, to cooperate with God in the salvation of souls!" And that is the daily task, so happily accomplished, by hospital librarians!

## Chosen for Parish Libraries

Joan O'Callaghan and Rita Keckeissen,  
St. Peter's Library.

CALVET, Jean. *Saint Vincent de Paul*; tr. by Lancelot C. Sheppard. McKay, 1952. 302 p. \$5.00

Excellent study emphasizing the saint's heroic work for the poor, as reformer of the clergy, director of souls and founder. For the general reader.

DeWOHL, Louis. *The Golden Thread*. Lippincott, 1952. 254 p. \$3.00

Colorful historical novel woven about the life of St. Ignatius of Loyola. For those who like their fiction to be based on fact.

ELLIS, James Tracy. *Life of James Cardinal Gibbons*. Bruce, 1952. 2 vol. \$17.00

Important events, currents and controversies of American Catholicism are delineated in this scholarly biography. A masterly study for those interested in American history and personalities.

FARRELL, Walter, O.P., and HEALY, Martin. *My Way of Life*. Confraternity of the Precious Blood, 1952. \$1.35

A remarkably successful summary of St. Thomas's Summa in a pocket edition in language easy to understand. Recommended for everyone to read and own.

KANE, George L. (ed). *Why I Became a Priest*. Newman, 1952. 163 p. \$2.50

Twenty well known priests, including Fathers Peyton, Keller, Bishop Sheen, write on the life of the priesthood. To foster vocations and deepen everyone's understanding of the priesthood.

KILLILEA, Marie. *Karen*. Prentice-Hall, 1952. 314 p. \$2.95

Struggle to overcome a child's cerebral palsy by a family always conscious of God's love and providence. Heartening reading for every family.

McNALLY, James J. *Rock of Truth*. Wagner, 1952. 245 p. \$3.50

Helpful, effective sermons on the Sunday gospels. Aids in understanding the liturgical cycle.

McSORLEY, Joseph. *Father Hecker and His Friends*. Herder, 1952. 304 p. \$3.95

How Father Hecker, founder of the Paulists and his group set out to convert America. Of special interest to readers of American church history.

THOMIST, Staff of the, (ed). *From an Abundant Spring*. Kenedy, 1952. 555 p. \$7.50

Memorial volume for Father Walter Farrell, O.P. Essays on both practical and speculative subjects by well known contemporary thinkers. Advanced in style and content. For the serious reader.

## Parish Libraries

### An Arm-Chair Workshop of Library Helps

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#### BASIC BOOKS FOR A PARISH LIBRARY

Some modern wit said if you asked six people for their opinion or idea, you would get seven—as someone was sure to change their viewpoint. And so it is to some extent with basic lists of books for a parish library. Much depends upon the size of the library, and needless to say, the funds available. There are, however, certain Catholic books included in all lists.

The Thomas More Association of Chicago gets out an interesting and helpful little booklet, cost 25¢, entitled "How to Organize and Run a Parish Library." At the back of this 39 page booklet is a list of 100 basic books for the parish library, divided into Fiction, Philosophy, Marriage, Mass, Apologetics, Reference, Spiritual, Our Lady, Christ, Biographies (Converts), Biographies (Saints), and Biographies (General). Author and cost price are listed. Even if your library is functioning well, this booklet can be read to advantage by all librarians.

The Milwaukee Archdiocesan Union Holy Name Society about three years ago prepared a basic list of suggested books for libraries in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. Bruce Publishing Company later reprinted it in "The Parish Library News" (which publication is suspended now).

Miss Rita Keckeissen of St. Peter's Lending Library, New York, in the CATHOLIC WORLD recently gave you same suggestions of old favorites, tried and true, that should not be omitted from your library shelves.

"Ground Plan for Catholic Reading" by F. J. Sheed (25¢ from Sheed & Ward, New York) gives some splendid notes and suggestions on "Courses of Catholic Reading." This 33-page booklet states plainly why we should foster Catholic reading, and I recommend one copy be secured for each library, if only to be read by the librarians.

For juvenile book lists, I have not run across basic lists, except perhaps "THE FAMILY BOOK SHELF," a 25¢ booklet available through your diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Office or from Confraternity Publications, 508 Marshall St., Paterson 3, N. J. This is a graded and annotated Catholic list for home purchase and family reading, compiled by William A. Fitzgerald, Ph.D., under the joint auspices of the Catholic Library Association and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. And to this list, for a library, secular books would be added.

#### BOOKS FOR SHUT-INS

If your library does not have facilities for mailing out books to shut-ins, suggest they get in touch with Miss Clara Tiry, (Apostolate of Suffering), 1551 N. 34th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is an invalid but mails books all over the United States.

Another source of books by mail is the Catholic Unity League, 418 W. 59th St., New York 19, New York, which has a membership fee of

\$1.00 per year, and issues a complete catalog at a cost of 75¢ additional. A member is allowed two books every two weeks, and as 1000 books are out all the time, six selections of books are to be named. Three copies of each book are in the library. Postage to be paid by the borrower.

(NOTE: Small parish libraries who are checking over old books to use in their library, will find the catalog of the Catholic Unity League helpful, as it lists authors of approved works, alphabetically by author, under various classifications.)

The first meeting of the Parish Libraries Round Table is scheduled for Tuesday evening. Do we owe a debt to the layman outside institutions? Alumni, the Christian family, the man in the pew carry the burden of support for all our Catholic good works, missions, taxes, the defense of youth. We cannot foreshorten the role of good books and good reading. This is our new frontier.

#### HINTS FOR STATE UNIT MEETINGS

How well attended is the parish library section of your meeting by the women or business girls who work in your libraries? What encouragement do you offer the small-town small-parish librarian to attend these sessions? At the November meeting of the Wisconsin Catholic Library Unit in Milwaukee, a suggestion was made at the parish library session on Saturday afternoon, that next year more parish librarians from all over the State be urged to attend, and as so many libraries are only just getting under way, that the session be a "progressive" one, with chartered busses provided to take the parish librarians in turn to three parish libraries in Milwaukee, to see first hand just what is being done. A talk, not over 10 minutes in length, to be given at each library on a special phase of parish library work, talks arranged so that material will not be duplicated. The selection of parish libraries will include a large, well established library, a medium size library, and a newly established library, so that all may see and learn, and adapt those things most practical to their own use. It should form a better nucleus for the parish library section of the state unit. What is your State membership fee? Wisconsin CLA membership is \$1.00. That is only a small part. Out-of-town members have transportation costs and one or two meals, the cost of which is usually absorbed personally. And what is more important to the business girl, is the giving up of a precious Saturday free-time. None of this matters if the time is well spent, something learned or encouragement given, and so it behooves the State units, and more particularly the parish library section, to make it worth while for more parish libraries to participate.



At this time of the year when inventory is being taken, we might try to determine in our own library where we are and where we are going. On a broader basis we should examine the data gathered in surveys such as that of the Ohio Catholic high schools with enrollments of over a hundred students, made by Sister Mary Emmanuel Ehlman, S.N.D. Sixty of the seventy-nine schools within the scope of her work, responded. Judged against the standards of the A.L.A., Ohio and the North Central Association, these are her findings: 57% of the personnel met state and regional standards and 47% the A.L.A.; 65% of the schools met Ohio standards for quarters and equipment and 33% met the A.L.A.; 61% met both Ohio and A.L.A. standards for book and magazine holdings; 71% met A.L.A. standards in organization and instruction; 71% met financial standards for Ohio and 15% met the regional and national standards. In more detail, 47% of the librarians had some training; 38% were full-time; 80% had central libraries and 70% enough seating; 60% had enough books and 70% enough magazines; 70% gave instruction in the use of the library; 66% spent \$1.50 per student on the library; 66% had an information file and 10% audio-visual aids. A satisfactory condition was found for cataloging, records, equipment, student help and book selection procedures. Sister summarizes her survey by stating "Insufficient professional training, lack of workroom facilities, limited periodical and newspaper holdings, and a deficient budget indicate that in general, the Catholic four-year high schools in Ohio are not supplying a vital need of the secondary school program. Nine high school libraries of the sixty surveyed meet requirements of all standardizing agencies." This survey was not designed to place the Ohio schools "on the spot." In comparison with other areas or states, they rank well. But it is well to note that we have much spade work yet to do.

Another survey has been made of forty-two Catholic high school libraries in the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Covington and Owensboro by Sister Mary Helen Green. In this area, 82% of the schools cooperated and briefly we find these pertinent statistics: 88% of the librarians had some training with 28% holding a professional degree; 26% were full-time librarians; 76% used student assistants; 66% had regular budgets with a median of \$1.50 per student; 75% had information files; 85% had centralized libraries; 75% have instruction in the use of libraries.

Still a third survey has been reported by Sister Mary Mercia Zerwekh of twenty-three high school libraries in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California. In this area, 62% of the schools responded with these data: 70% of the librarians had some training; 66% had a regular budget with 50% of the libraries inadequately financed; all were centralized with 65% having workrooms; 80% gave instruction in use of the library, and in 78% the book stock was satisfactory. The above two surveys used Kentucky and Southern Association standards,

California and the Northwest Association standards, in addition to the A.L.A. standards.

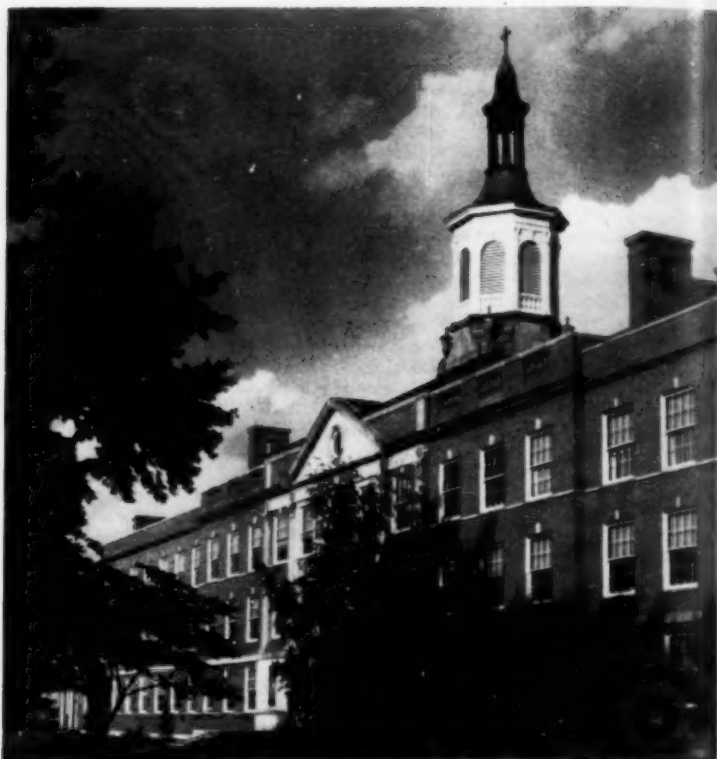
We would also like to report a recent study by Sister Mary Justina Koersters, of the relationships between the Cincinnati Public Library and six of that city's Catholic high schools. Complete analysis is lacking but we did note that from 9%-32% of the students used the public library weekly, while 16%-33% used it monthly for both supplementary and recreational reading. We will report this study in more detail shortly as it indicates another area of great potential help which needs to be thoroughly explored.

Three minor elements in these surveys intrigued us and we offer them to our readers for their comment. One is the turnover in staff which operates to the detriment of a library insofar as one must know the contents of a library before it can be effective. It appears that 50% of the librarians serve one year only and 30% two years. It also was evident that teacher-librarians were so overloaded with school teaching that they had neither the time nor energy for school library duties. Finally there is the practice of charging library fees which we absolutely condemn insofar as it usually makes the library a special object of taxation, when in the administration of a school, library costs should be paid as a normal expense of operation.

We hope that other surveys have been made and will be reported to us, or that other librarians will be encouraged from this short statement, to begin surveys of their own diocese, state or other area. If any of the kind readers of TALKING SHOP know of pertinent studies, kindly let me know. Meanwhile we might suggest that these data and the compilers of them provide at least one meeting of the School Library Division of the C.L.A. at the forthcoming Columbus convention.

Fresh from having observed the inaugural of President Eisenhower, we were delighted when Janice Holland, a local author of Washington, D.C., sent us a review copy of her *THEY BUILT A CITY* describing with a wealth of beautiful color work and development of that city. Designed for the lower elementary grades, the story gives the history of the Federal District, famous buildings and men associated with it. We highly recommend that you get it. (Scribners, 1953 \$2.50 approx. 50 pages). We also wish to state our approval of the recent five Science Fiction stories of Winston-Walton's *SONS OF THE OCEAN DEEP* (saving North America from an earthquake) *Oliver's MISTS OF DAWN* (back in time to the Cro-Magnon man) *Anderson's VAULT OF THE AGES* (forward 500 years after the collapse of our 20th century civilization) *Clarke's ISLANDS IN THE SKY* (an earth satellite) and *St. John's ROCKET JOCKEY* (interplanetary rocket race.) *'HAPPY READING'*.

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BESSIERES, Albert, S.J. *Wife, Mother and Mystic*. Tr. by Stephen Rigby. Newman, 256p. \$2.75

Perhaps the best evaluation of the life of Blessed Anna-Maria Taigi, special protectress of mothers, is contained in the words of Pope Benedict XV. He spoke of her as "a humble wife and mother . . . who knew how to unite labor with recollection, a mother of children, upon whom weighed the care of her old parents, the care, too, of a husband who was not always good-tempered, and the education of a large family. It is a question of a mother, who, without neglecting any duty whatever, yet found time to visit the sick and to make herself all things to all men."

Anna-Maria was born in Siena in 1769. When six years old she moved with her family to Rome where she spent the rest of her sixty-eight years. At twenty she married Domenico Taigi, the servant of a noble family. Soon after their marriage she began to receive special graces which God had ordained for her.

There were two immediate results: her dedication to the prompt and unqualified fulfillment of God's will for her, and an ardent spirit of penance and mortification. Other exceptional favors followed. The most unusual of these is described in the Decree of Beatification. "For a space of forty-seven years she saw a kind of sun in whose light she described things at hand and

things afar off, foresaw future events, scrutinized the secrets of hearts and the most hidden and most inward impulses."

Anna-Maria is most valuable for our time not as a mystic but as a wife and mother. The numerous duties and difficulties which she managed so well differ little from those which face wives and mothers today. She had the education and religious training of her seven children to supervise. To this end, beside placing them in Catholic schools, she led family prayers in the morning. In the evening with her family gathered around her, she led the Rosary and read to them from the life of some saint. On Sunday she would take her daughters to the hospitals and asylums to train them in the ways of charity.

Anna-Maria also had the problem of obtaining food for her family. She often had more than a dozen to feed. The small wages her husband received as a porter never provided enough. She would accept gifts of food, but she always refused large gifts of money and the offers of permanent patronage by wealthy persons. She thought it improper that she be relieved of this dependence upon God when there were so many poor among whom the money could be distributed. If necessary her refusal could be strong. To a queen who wished to force gold upon her she said, "Madame, how simple you are. I serve God, and He is richer than you. Ask yourself whether I can leave Him in order to attach myself to such childish things." Needless to say, God never disappointed such confidence.

Unfortunately, the chapters in Fr. Bessieres' biography of Bl. Anna-Maria are divided into

short, rather disconnected sections. There is a certain lack of unity in his presentation. Because of this the picture of the Blessed presented by Fr. Bessieres is not always as clear as the reader would wish. KILIAN DOWNEY, O.P., *Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill.*

MAYNARD, THEODORE. *The Better Part: the life of Teresa Demjanovich.* Macmillan. 276 p. \$3.50

"On December 11, 1945, Bishop Thomas H. McLaughlin of Paterson, N.J., opened what is called the ordinary or informative process" looking to the canonization of a young woman who died just at the close of her novitiate with the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station, N.J., at the age of 26. Teresa Demjanovich was baptized in the Eastern Rite in which she remained all her life. Outwardly quiet, the daughter of an extraordinarily devout home, she lived a studious, hidden life, graduating from St. Elizabeth's College, and entering the novitiate there shortly after.

Only after her reception there, when Father Benedict Bradley, O.S.B., became her spiritual director, did she reveal to him the extraordinary graces which had been hers from childhood. So far advanced in the spiritual life was she that her elders in religion and her director himself received guidance from her. Under obedience to Father Bradley she wrote a series of conferences published under the title *Greater Perfection*. She believed, and Father Bradley was also convinced, that Our Lord had laid upon her a difficult and important task—to lead her sisters in religion to understand that the good works of Martha depend for their validity upon the virtues of Mary. Her mission was peculiar to herself alone, but the truth she taught is for every Christian, lay and religious, and her life, hidden and lost in God is possible of emulation by all.

Mr. Maynard has "so studiously avoided anything like partizanship" that he fears with some justification that he may be considered to have played the part of *advocatus diaboli*. His measured praise may make the reader wish for a more enthusiastic note but leaves one assured that her "message" should be heeded by every ardent soul. The author's explanation of the place of the Eastern rites, within the Church Catholic with their especial emphasis on the spiritual life, is brief, clear and useful outside the purpose of the book itself.

MERTON, THOMAS. *The Sign of Jonas.* Harcourt. 362 p. \$3.50

"Before *The Seven Storey Mountain* was published, Thomas Merton had begun to keep a journal." This book is that journal, the reflections, emotions, observations and private jokes of a monk from novitiate to full profession and ordination. It is not, he says, the story of his interior life, but the reflections on his daily life will provide spiritual food for many of his readers.

It is fortunate in these days when we seek for God in a sort of desperation, knowing that all else has failed, that a writer of such talent has been bound under obedience to record his own search and its progress toward finding God in the silence of the cloister. The writer was very

much "one of us," a man like us the product of his time, with an exceptional ability to link our everyday life from mongrel dogs to Kentucky bird song to this universal, incessant seeking. That there should be drama in ten years of the life of a monk seeking solitude is not only surprising but delightful. The reader knows with the author "That is the way I ought to be living, with my mind and senses silent, not solicitous . . . not pushing myself around with my own fancies or desires or projects" but seeking only that one thing "which is necessary."

RAYMOND, Father M., O.C.S.O. *A New Way of the Cross*, illus. by John Andrews. Bruce. 36 p. 31 x 24 cm. \$3.75

This beautiful book began with the exquisite drawings which John Andrews of Omaha submitted to Father Raymond. The fourteen events of the journey to the Cross are pictured only in terms of the bound and blessing Hands, the tortured and pierced Feet. The technique is "scraped ink", highlights of form and texture on a deep black background.

Father Raymond has written his meditations on each Station in the first person, uniting the Sacrifice of the Cross with our daily Mass and our daily lives, as members of the Mystical Body which offers this same Sacrifice daily and momentarily.

Doubtless this book will be welcomed for its beauty, an exceptional gift, it is worthy of owning for its spiritual impact and the meditation it will bring its readers.

ROSSOFF, Martin. *Using Your High School Library.* Wilson, 1952. 75 p. Illus. Single copy 70¢; 10 or more 50¢; 25 or more 45¢; 50 or more 40¢

The perfect manual for teaching children how to use a school library will remain an individual performance rather than a commercial publishing venture. However, all of us have to begin somewhere in recording and organizing ideas. Because of the unique unit orientation of the contents of this manual, it is highly recommended that in addition to your own head you use also that of Mr. Rossoff. As librarian of the James Madison High School in Brooklyn and a holder of a professional library degree he should know—and does. In the Bing Crosby Biography unit, the guided missiles Science unit, the Indian geography unit and the labor and labor unions Social Studies unit, he includes the basic reference books and tools needed by students in making full and independent use of the library. There is a unit five on preparing a written report and three units about problems of young people, choosing books to read and building a home library. The author also contributes a list of forty books costing ten dollars all told, and a test of library skills. Designed for the high school clientele for personal use, the manual is functional, attractively illustrated, well-written and in general a bargain. The booklist can be torn out and filed in the waste basket. We advocate vertical files arranged by D.C. and the abridged edition of the Readers Guide, but otherwise can place our stamp of approval on the contents. RICHARD J. HURLEY, *Catholic University of America.*

THOMPSON, C. Seymour. *Evolution of the American Public Library, 1653-1876*. Washington (7) D.C.: The Scarecrow Press. 1952. ix, 287 p.

An interesting account, that has lost much of its value because of the prior publication of Shera's *Foundations of the Public Library* (U. of Chicago Press, 1949) but yet, through the use of quotations from contemporary documents in connection with the establishment of parish, subscription, mercantile, and apprentice libraries, it imparts a popular touch lacking in Shera's statistical and sociological treatment. Some duplication could easily have been avoided, e.g., by omitting in the Appendix the 1733 Durham Book Company covenant, also carried in full by Shera. This reviewer would have preferred some substantiation of this statement: "The cornerstone of American education was the conviction, born of the Reformation and nourished by revolution, that universal education is essential for religious, political, and intellectual freedom." (p. 149). It would appear that the content of the curriculum and the manner of its application might have some effect on attaining these various freedoms. EUGENE P. WILLING, *Catholic University of America*.

TRAPP, Maria Augusta. *Yesterday, Today, and Forever*. Lippincott, 1952. 220 p. \$3

In her earlier works, *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers*, the mother of this famous ensemble recounted with pathos and delightful humor their Austrian background, the flight from their Nazi-invaded homeland, and their efforts to obtain recognition in musical circles in the United States. In the current biography, which is "simply the story of how Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and the same forever, finally became a member of our family," the author brings into sharp focus the deeply religious mind of her household, the outcome of years' delving into the New Testament and scriptural commentaries. Parallels between homely family incidents and events delineated in the Gospels are drawn with sensitive simplicity and rare common sense. The present volume becomes an informal life of Christ and His Mother and offers inspirational reading for every Christian family.

If there were compiled a highly selective list of women who are making a significant contribution to Catholic life in the United States, this extraordinary mother would rank close to the top. SISTER MARY LUELLA, O.P., *Director, Rosary College Department of Library Science, River Forest, Illinois*.

## REFERENCE BOOKS

*THE GUIDE* to Catholic Literature, volume four: 1948-1951, edited by Walter Romig. Grosse Pointe 30, Mich. (979 Lakepointe Road), Walter Romig, Publisher, 1952. 1018 p. \$15.00 (A subscription work, available only from the publisher).

This "annotated international bibliography of books, principally by Catholic authors, on the constitution, doctrine, discipline, liturgy, history, and literature of the Catholic Church" is the fourth cumulated volume of an indispensable reference work covering material published or reprinted from January 1, 1888, to December 31, 1951.

The fourth volume of the *Guide* is arranged, as are the preceding three, alphabetically by author, subject, and title. The subject and title entries are, in the main, cross references to the author entry under which full biographical, bibliographical, and critical notes are given with complete reference to sources of further information. With the exception of Latin titles, all foreign language publications are listed under author and subject only, titles being omitted.

The format of this volume is a great improvement over that of the first, published in 1940. Bold face type has been used for all entries, and first lines of titles are indented for greater clarity. Annotations have been reduced to a smaller size type and adequately leaded to facilitate quick reference.

It is difficult to know where to begin in evaluating the *Guide*, for the longer one examines it, the more one realizes the tremendous amount of work that has gone into the compilation. A

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brief survey of authors included shows, as might be expected, good representation for St. Thomas Aquinas, Pope Pius XII, Cardinal Mindszenty, Bishop Sheen, Monsignor Knox, Thomas Merton, and François Mauriac. Henri de Lubac, S.J., has a good column and a half to his credit, more space than is allotted him in the second volume of Hoeft's *Catholic Authors*. As in the previous volumes some non-Catholic authors are included as being within the scope noted above. George Gordon Coulton, for example, is identified as an "anti-Catholic English educator and historian." Arthur Dennen Smith's *Thou Art Peter* is listed as "a rationalist attack" with the added comment that the "Library of Congress authors card errs in calling him a Catholic author."

Pamphlets are included in the *Guide*, and a sample check with Willing's *Index to Catholic Pamphlets (1948-1950)* shows that the work is remarkably complete in this respect also. Biographical material under authors includes books, parts of books, and periodical articles, supplemented by helpful references to additional information in earlier volumes of the *Guide*. Some titles published before 1948 but omitted in previous volumes are included here. Contents notes are particularly helpful, that under Raymond J. Martin (*Studia mediaevalia*) running to more than half a column in length. Of special reference value are the excellent personal notes included with individual entries.

As in any work of such great proportions, close examination will reveal a few errors in minor details. For example, *Like a Star*, an English translation of the encyclical on St. Benedict, is listed under Pius XI instead of under Pope Pius XII. Entries, too, sometimes differ



from library practice. The Arabic al Ghazzali is, for example, entered under AL with no cross reference from GHAZZALI; JEANNE DE FRANCE is used for the recently canonized saint, but Maria Goretti appears under the unfamiliar form MARY GORETTI. Accent marks are sometimes omitted in foreign names and titles. These, however, are minor points in an otherwise excellent and highly useful tool.

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*LEXIKON des Katholischen Lebens*; herausgegeben von Erzbischof Dr. Wendelin Rauch unter Schriftleitung von Dozent Dr. Jakob Hommes. Mit 16 Bildseiten, und 8 Schematischen Übersichten. Freiburg i. B., Herder, 1952. xvi, 1354 cols. 42 DM.

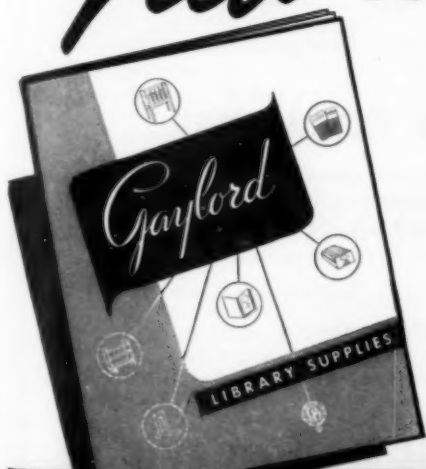
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RUE, Eloise and LA PLANTE, Effie. *Subject Headings For Childrens Materials*. A.L.A. 1952. 149 p. \$4

Catalogers in elementary school libraries and in childrens rooms of public libraries need no longer feel frustrated by the sins of commission and omission of Sears et al. Based on research, an examination of courses of study for grades one to nine, standard library tools and a questionnaire, the two compilers, authorities themselves, have produced a sound list. We need to use terms familiar to children, anticipating their growing vocabulary and learning processes. There are included the commoner geographic names, birds, animals, trees, etc.; a direct approach to period as *Colonial Period in America* rather than the customary chronological arrangement. Form subdivisions are given for use with persons, places and general subjects, for the names of countries, states, provinces, and cities. Ambiguous headings have a note defining their scope. As expected, the subject headings used are in bold face type. A professional contribution we can highly recommend. And why not—a Catholic supplement? RICHARD J. HURLEY, Catholic University of America.

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BURGWYN, Mebane Holoman. *Penny Rose*. Oxford Univ. Pr., 1952. 223 p. \$3

Penny Rose Wilder's rosy-hued dreams of nursing, and living an exciting, glamorous life with Jeffrey on a beautiful estate, are rudely shattered by the tragic death of her father. Jeffrey's grandfather makes Mrs. Wilder a seemingly substantial offer for her property, but Penny begs her mother to wait a year before selling, and stubbornly sets to work to save the home and land her father loved. Aided by her mother, sisters, a neighbor, and Dan Stevens, Penny makes almost unbelievable progress. But she drives herself so hard that she nearly ruins the happy comradeship that had always been her family's. Finally she wakens to the fact that her true dream is in what she is doing and a future life with Dan. Charmingly written, with real people and their problems, this is an enjoyable story for teen-agers. SISTER ANNA DANIEL, O.P., Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, N. J.

CHANSOR, Torrey (Hood). *Saturday Night Is My Delight*, by Torrey Hood. Putnam, 1952. 245 p. \$3

Marjorie Torrey has not been so successful with her first adult novel as with her earlier illustrations for children's books. Within the four months covered by this story of an Irish family in New England during the gay nineties, vivacious, pretty Katie, the life of the Saturday night parties in the comfortable McCaffey flat, is engaged out of pity to a handsome, dependable newcomer to the neighborhood and off on her honeymoon with another new and irresponsible acquaintance whose passionate love has overwhelmed her. Even in the case of the father and mother, marriage apparently is based solely on physical attraction — a false and illogical standard in any society. Elements of the plot seem contrived, and with the exception of the mother and the smaller children characters are not well developed. SISTER EDWARD, S.C.L., St. Mary College, Xavier, Kansas.

FELLER, A. H. *United Nations and World Community*. Little, 1952. 153 p. \$2.50

The former General Counsel of the United Nations draws upon three lectures he gave at Northwestern University Law School to assess the achievements and progress of the U.N. He reviews briefly the basic ideas involved in international government on a world scale, and analyzes the Charter and its potentialities for furthering the goal. Then discusses the decisions and actions taken by U.N. in the last six years in various world trouble spots, atomic bomb con-

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**HARNETT, Cynthia.** *Nicholas and the Wool-Pack; an Adventure Story of the Middle Ages.* Putnam, 1953. 181 p. illus. \$2.50

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betrothal to Cecily, and for the many interesting domestic customs described. Awarded the Carnegie Medal, 1951. H.L.B.

**KANE, George L., ed.** *Why I Became a Priest; with an Introduction by James Cardinal McGuigan.* Newman, 1952. 163 p. \$2.50

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**MARSHALL, Bruce.** *The White Rabbit.* Houghton, 1953. 262 p. illus. \$3.50

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RIPLEY, Elizabeth. *Leonardo da Vinci, a Biography*; with drawings and paintings by Leonardo. Oxford Univ. Press, 1952. 31 plates. \$3

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